

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant(s) : Shuji YOSHINO  
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Title : RESIN-COATED STEEL PIPE WITH SUPERIOR MECHANICAL  
STRENGTH, INCLUDING THE ABILITY TO SLIDE

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Examiner : James F. HOOK

Docket No. : 4746-4000  
Customer No. : 27123

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND**  
**SUBMISSION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This paper is being filed along with a Request for Continued Examination, and constitutes a submission under Rule 114. A final Office Action dated October 20, 2006 had been pending. Consideration of this application is respectfully requested in light of this paper, which is set forth as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- **Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.